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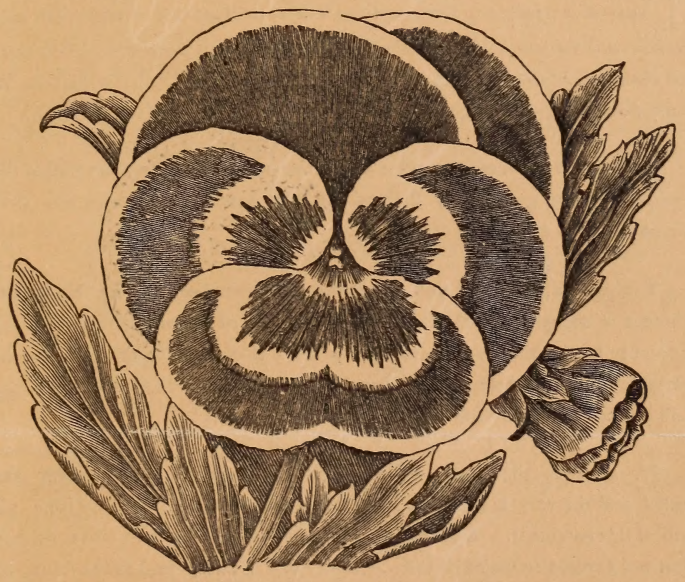
SEED PRICE LIST,

OF BENZ'S NEW LARGE FLOWERING

GERMAN ✣ FANCY ✣ PANSIES.



VIOLA TRICOLOR MAXIMA.

OFFERED BY

ALBERT BENZ,

DOUGLASTON, N. Y.

TO OUR PATRONS.

THE collection of Pansies here offered is acknowledged by all who have seen it to be the finest in existence. The seed is always of the freshest that it is possible to have, and the flowers produced by it under fair cultivation will surpass any others for *fine form*, *good substance*, *velvety richness* and *choice variety of coloring*, while their *size* is all that can be wished for in Pansy flowers of good keeping qualities.

In the New York market our Pansy flowers are readily sold at double the prices of ordinary good Pansy flowers, and they have been awarded First Premiums wherever exhibited.

The very superior and uniform quality of the seed sent out by this Establishment is attested by a constantly increasing list of patrons, who appreciate our aim to furnish the *best only* in this special line of seed, to the exclusion of everything else. We let our Pansies speak and work for themselves, and are well pleased with the results thus accomplished.

We sincerely thank all our customers for the generous patronage extended, and the very kind words and valuable testimonials sent to us from all parts of this continent. And we beg to assure you that we will spare neither effort nor expense to maintain the superiority of our Pansy seed in the future as we have done in the past.

Very truly yours,

ALBERT BENZ.

DOUGLASTON, N. Y., August 1st, 1888.

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BENZ'S PANSY SEED, TO THE TRADE.

"ALL VARIETIES MIXED."

Per Trade packet of 1,500 Seeds - - -	$1.00
Per quarter-ounce - - - - - - - -	2.25
Per half-ounce - - - - - - - - -	4.00
Per one ounce . - - - - - - - - -	7.50

This mixture is **not** to be confounded with the stock sold by general seed houses under the erm of "Mixed Pansy Seed." The seed here offered is identical with that sold in our retail packets, and contains a fair proportion of **all** the varieties offered on our list, and can be relied on as being **Strictly pure, fresh,** and **first-class** seed **only.**

"SEPARATE VARIETIES OR CLASSES."

All Seed in *Separate Varieties,* or *Classes,* is sold by *Count only,* at the following rates, purchaser's choice of varieties:

Per packet, of 100 Seeds, each - - - -	$0.20
Per packet, of 1,000 Seeds, each - - -	1.50
Collection of 20 Varieties, 100 Seeds of each -	3.00
Collection of 40 Varieties, 100 Seeds of each -	6.00

Our customers will please observe that—outside of Pansy Seed—we have nothing whatsoever to offer or sell, in order to be enabled to devote all our efforts to this particular branch of trade, and thus ensure the greatest superiority over and above all competition.

TERMS:—STRICTLY NET CASH WITH ORDER.

Remit by Bank Draft, Post Office or Express Money Order drawn on NEW YORK CITY. When not convenient to obtain them, send money in Registered Letter.

All Seed is sent out Free by Mail, and we guarantee Safe Delivery at its destination.

ALBERT BENZ,
Pansy Seed Establishment,
Douglaston, Queens Co., N. Y.

August 1st, 1888.

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CLASS I.

Self Colors.

No. 1. White (Snow Queen).
" 2. Yellow. (Gold Else.)
" 4. Light blue.
" 5. Dark blue.
" 6. Lilac.
" 7. Purple Violet.
" 8. Dark purple.
" 9. Bronze.
" 10. Havana brown.
" 11. Velvety brown.
" 12. Black (Dr. Faust).

CLASS II.

Shaded Pansies.

No. 13. Black blue, shading off into lavender.
" 14. Purple violet, shading off into light blue (Beaconsfield).
" 15. Havana brown, shaded olive.

CLASS III.

Three-spotted or Face Pansies.

No. 16. White with dark centre.
" 17. Pale yellow with black centre.
" 18. Deep yellow, with black centre.
" 19. Mahogany with yellow centre.
" 20. Bronze with yellow centre.
" 21. Brown with bronze centre.
" 22. Black with bronze centre.
" 23. Black with violet centre.
" 24. Emperor William, dark blue.
" *25. "Trimardeau," white, yellow, and purple mixed

CLASS IV.

Five-spotted or Odier Pansies.

No. 26. Dark purple on white base.
" 27. Black on yellow base.
" 28. Black on crimson base.
" *29. "Cassier's Giant." Choicest Colors in mixture.

CLASS V.

Edged or Bordered Pansies.

No. 30. White with violet edge.
" 31. Yellow with blue edge.
" 32. Purple with white edge.
" 33. Dark Velvet with golden edge.
" 34. Dark velvet with silvery edge.
" 35. Steel blue with white and pink edge (Quadricolor).
" 36. Black with red and white edge
" 37. Black with red and gold edge.

CLASS VI.

Fancy Pansies.

No. 40. Marbled on white ground.
" 41. Marbled on yellow ground.
" 42. Marbled on dark ground.
" 43. Marbled on variegated ground
" 44. Striped on bronze ground.
" 45. Striped on lilac ground.

Each class can be had in Separate Mixture.

* Nos. 25 and 29 are not put up with Class Mixtures.

All seed is sent FREE BY MAIL at the following rates:

ALL VARIETIES MIXED.

Per package of 150 Seeds	$0.25
Per package of 1,000 Seeds	1.00
Per ¼ ounce	3.00

IN SEPARATE VARIETIES, OR CLASSES.

Purchasers' Selection. In ordering it is sufficient to give the numbers.

Per package of 100 Seeds, of any one variety	$0.25
Collection of 10 varieties, 100 Seeds of each	2.00
Collection of 20 varieties, 100 Seeds of each	4.00
Collection of 40 varieties, 100 Seeds of each	8.00

DIRECTIONS FOR PLANTING.

The best time for planting seeds, if the plants are wanted to bloom early in Spring, is from August to October ; for Summer and Fall blooming, sow from January to June. Plant the seeds in any light garden soil, cover not more than one quarter inch, and keep them *moist* and *well shaded* until they are up (from 7 to 14 days). Not later than six weeks after germinating transplant them in good ground, well pulverized and enriched with plenty of *old* decomposed cow manure. Water freely in dry weather, and shade them, if possible to do so, during the hot season.

Pansies are quite hardy, and will stand almost any amount of cold if protected from the bleak winds. A cold frame is the most suitable place to winter them. If sash is used for covering, which should only be done in freezing weather, they must be aired freely whenever the weather permits. In spring, as soon as the frost is out of the ground, they can be planted out-doors, where they will soon commence to unfold their beautiful flowers. Pansies thrive best while the weather is not too warm ; dry, excessive heat is their greatest enemy.

Our "Essay on Pansies," giving full description and directions for cultivation, is mailed with every order for seeds and will be mailed free on application.

TERMS:—NET CASH WITH THE ORDER.

All Remittances should be made by **Bank Draft, Post Office or Express Money Order drawn on New York City.** When not convenient to obtain them, the money can be sent by **Registered Letter.** Small amounts may be sent in **Postage Stamps.**

Give your COMPLETE ADDRESS DISTINCTLY WRITTEN with every order, and we will GUARANTEE the safe delivery of all seeds at their destination, agreeing to replace any that may be lost in the mails. All our seeds are sent out by letter mail; orders to the amount of $5.00 and upwards are registered at our own expense.

ALBERT BENZ,

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Douglaston, Queens Co., N. Y.